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TAYLOR, DRURY & PEDLAR

There is not much on Taylor, Drury & Pedlar in the U.S. newspapers. Wish there was an equivalent to the LoC for Canadian newspapers. Years ago I spent hours looking through the Dawson Daily News on microfilm at the UAF library looking for information on Dawson token issuers. The LoC is so much easier.

Douglas Island News, July 24, 1901.
Taylor & Drury, of White Horse, are establishing a branch store on Livingstone creek, at the junction of Lake, Summit and Martin creeks.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, February 4, 1907.
FIRE DESTROYS TESLIN STORE
A letter received by merchants Taylor & Drury Wednesday evening contained discouraging news of the total destruction by fire on New Year's morning of their store building and warehouse at Lake Teslin.

The one comforting clause in the letter, however, stated that a large portion of the goods from both buildings were saved and John Drury who is in charge of the trading post, had already secured another building and was open for business.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, August 31, 1912.
Taylor & Drury of Whitehorse have amalgamated their business with Whitney & Pedlar and have moved their stock into the latter store building, closing the former Taylor & Drury store. The new firm is called by the firm name of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar company.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, July 15, 1913.
The store of Taylor, Drury & Pedlar and company at Carmacks, about half way between Whitehorse and Dawson, was robbed last week. The robbers took nothing but cash and gold dust, and got but $315.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, September 20, 1913.
The police are confident that they now have in the local jail the party who robbed the store of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co. at Carmacks of something like three hundred dollars in gold dust early in July. The name of the suspect is Walter Fuerst, originally from Switzerland.

Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, October 9, 1913.
Walter Fuerst was convicted last week at Whitehorse of burglarizing the store of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Company at Carmacks on Yukon river and stealing gold dust to the value of $200 or more. He was sentenced to one year in jail at hard labor. It is said that the evidence was conclusive against him. The gold dust found on him at the time of his arrest was identified as that stolen, and he was traveling under an assumed name.

Daily Alaskan, September 21, 1918.
*In two of the front windows of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co., general merchandising store, are artistically displayed several useful as well as ornamented articles of home manufacture contributed by their makers to the O.I.D.E. for raffle at the annual bazaar which takes place today in the **N.S.A.A.** hall...*

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Not much more to babble on about since I have spilled my guts on three pages for our road trip. One thing I did not mention is that Luci traveled really well, either in Jan's lap or in her newly purchased dog carrier. Hotels charged a pet fee from $20 to $40, which seems excessive for a really well house broken 7 pound mini-poodle! Not like a shedding, slobbering St. Bernard.

We continue our examination of slot machines from last issue, taking it into Yukon. Perhaps the bifacial A. Smith, Palace Cigar Store positively from Dawson, but listed as Fairbanks B-42a (see June/July, 2012 page 48), was one.

Scott Bradford of Haines had a neat card token walk into his store. See page 73.

Don Duncan shows us two different varieties of the Fairbanks Horseshoe Cigar Store encased cents, shown below right.

Not a lot of action on eBay, but what there was was interesting. I think Mrs. Priess Bakery at $338 was a bargain. A scarce Wrangell piece brought $460. Modern military tokens continue to do well, selling for up to $369, while repeaters sell for only opening bid. A Valdez Copper Block Buffet $1 gold nugget token, with an opening bid of $950 sold for best offer. That seems on the low side for a nugget token.

Mike Schmetzer, our Southeast correspondent is leaving Sitka for the wilds of Minnesota. Really Mike, you wanted that extra 3 days of summer?

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Cape Romanzof, NCO Club, 5¢, B-1c	338.33
Cape Romanzof, NCO Club, 25¢, B-1f	369.00
Fairbanks, Mrs. Priess Bakery, 1 loaf, B-47a	338.33
Fairbanks, Horseshoe Cigar Store, encased, 1946	28.00
Indian Mt., 708 NCO OM, $1, B-1eI	35.00OB
Ketchikan, Abercrobie's, 2¢, B-1a	8.50
Kodiak, Carpenters Local, B-15a	13.00
Northeast Cape, 712 NCO OM, 5¢, B-1a	35.00OB
Platinum, Alaska Traders, $1, B-1c	45.00
Skagway, Board of Trade, 12½¢, B-4d	98.00OB
Sparrevohn, 719 ACW Sq., 50¢, B-1h	141.18
Tin City, NCO Club, 5¢, B-1a	224.72
Valdez, Copper Block, 12½¢ I/T, B-4b	18.50
Valdez, Copper Block, $1, B-4cI	950.00BOA
Wrangell, Grant & Lemieux, 10¢, B-4a	460.55
F.W. Killen, 12½¢ (see page 73)	102.50
Mishler AK/HI, set of 7 (no gold)	2,676.67

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

HORSESHOE CIGAR STORE

TWO VARIETIES

1945

1946

Don Duncan provided images to two different Fairbanks Horseshoe Cigar Store encased cents. Differences are apparent on both sides.

TAYLOR, DRURY, & PEDLAR, CONT.

Alaska Daily Empire, June 16, 1919.
Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co. are having a new barge built to run in connection with their river steamer Kluane in transporting freight from the headquarters of the company in Whitehorse to their five trading posts in various parts of the Territory.

Cordova Daily Times, September 26, 1919.
Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Co., have opened negotiations to purchase the Yukon river steamer Thistle. Their steamer Kluane has become too small to supply the five trading stations which the company maintains.

Alaska Daily Empire, October 4, 1919.
The river steamer Thistle, with headquarters at Whitehorse, has been sold by the White Pass to the Whitehorse firm of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Company, who will operate the little craft between their Whitehorse headquarters and various trading points. The Thistle is a well known upper Yukon craft, which was built and earned fame in the days of the Klondike rush.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, May 17, 1921.
The report also has reached here that Taylor, Drury, Pedlar Company of Whitehorse plans to enter the Mayo field, and to operate its own boat on the Stewart, serving its own post there.

Taylor & Drury, Ltd.
GENERAL MERCHANTS
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.
WE SPECIALIZE IN
Imported British Woolen Goods
MEN'S, WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY and UNDERWEAR
NEW ARRIVALS THIS MONTH
MEN'S CASHMERE and HEATHER MIXTURE SOCKS
WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY
THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS
Manufaeturers' Samples
of Women's and Misses' Sweater Coats at Special Prices.
MEN'S READY-TO-WEAR SUITS at $25 a suit. These are Extra Good Value.
STORE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 27

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, May 25, 1922.

Alaskan Daily Empire, June 14, 1922.
I (ed. note - John Hagstrom) *was on the headwaters of the Liard, prospecting, and each summer came down to the Taylor & Drury trading post at the mouth of the Ross River for a few days to get supplies.*

Daily Alaskan Empire, January 6, 1949.
The Taylors, pioneers of the Yukon Territory, will sail January 20 from Vancouver aboard the S.S. Aorangi of the Australasian line, for Australia and New Zealand.

They plan to return in June, in time to celebrate a memorable double anniversary - Mr. Taylor's 85th birthday, and the 50-year anniversary of the Taylor-Drury partnership.

Ike Taylor and W.S. Drury, both still active in the firm, took out their first business license July 1, 1899, at Atlin.

The trading post was moved later to Bennett, then a tent town, where the firm operated before completion of the White Pass and Yukon railway. Then, when "everyone" moved to Whitehorse, Taylor - Drury went too, and became a complete supply house.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

The bearer of this token will receive 2 days supply of food
ST. FRANCIS HOUSE
Outreach
276-5580
Give this token to someone in need.
St. Francis House provides 200,000 meals a year to over 11,000 people.
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
3710 East 20th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
276-5580

St. Francis House Food Pantry (Anchorage) is one of the largest food pantries in the state of Alaska, providing emergency food assistance for an average of 1,300 families every month. The food distributed through St. Francis House Food Pantry comes from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Food Bank of Alaska, and many generous individuals and local grocery stores. In fiscal year 2023, 13,458 people received food from St. Francis House

A ROAD TRIP: MAINE TO ALASKA

Jan and I made this trip nearly 50 years ago. After getting married, we loaded up our 1971 Ford F100 two wheel drive pickup and headed for Alaska in August of 1974.

Jan had been away from Fairbanks for nearly two months visiting with family in St. Louis, Florida and Maine. Our Kia had given us problems this past winter, and with no Kia dealer in Fairbanks, it was time for a new car. Before leaving Florida, she had arranged to purchase a Toyota Rav4 from a dealer in Houlton, Maine, about 30 miles north of her home town of Patten. All documents were sent to me and returned to her, along with the Alaska license plate.

Contributing to this decision to purchase a new car in Maine was the fact that her father's 95th birthday was to be celebrated on May 12. The whole family was going to be there - kids, grand kids and great grand kids, in-laws, outlaws, etc. For me to get there it was only an Alaska Airlines mileage ticket. So, why not just buy that car we were planning on buying and drive back?

To start, I was traveling with Luci, Jan's 7 pound mini-poodle. The way my trip began should have been a warning. I was sitting in the Fairbanks airport waiting to board my flight to Seattle when I heard a quiet thump. The lady sitting across from me said, "Is that your phone?" Yup, it fell out of my pocket.

The flight from Fairbanks to Seattle was smooth. Arriving at the "D" gates, Luci and I hustled down three levels where the "pet relief station" was located. I got Luci out of her carrier, she did her business, and we headed back up to the D gates where our flight to Boston was supposed to leave from. Going up the escalator, a flight attendant on the down escalator said to me "your book is at the counter." So I continued up to the counter at the gate and retrieved the book I had left on the plane. I looked around...no dog carrier.

I hustled back down to the pet relief station with Luci under my arm, and it was gone. Less than 5 minutes! I asked around and it had not been turned in anywhere. I asked at Alaska Airlines baggage, and they could not help. Here I am in Seattle with another flight to catch, and they are not going to let me fly with the dog on my lap. The folks at Alaska Airlines baggage told me the company that rents carts for luggage sold dog carriers. I exited the secure area, went to their counter and purchased another dog carrier.

I had to go through security again, so I put my boarding pass and drivers license in my shirt pocket. Checking the flight board, I saw that my flight was to leave out of gate N-14. Seating around N-14 was pretty much full, so I went down to N-1, about a football field length away where there were lots of seating and room for Luci to be let out of here carrier on a leash.

Luci and I spent the next 2+ hours relaxing and waiting. At 9PM I decided we needed to go down to N-14 to await boarding. When we got there, they were boarding group D. I was in group B! I hurriedly put Luci into her new carrier, pulled out my boarding pass, and proceeded to board the plane.

Ah, on my way to Boston...A while later, before take off, a flight attendant announced, "If Richard Hanscom is on board, please press your call button." She handed me my drivers license. It fell out of my pocket when I took out my boarding pass.

Jan's brother Mark picked me up at the airport and we headed north to Patten, Maine. This is about the same distance as from Fairbanks to Anchorage. On Sunday, May 12, the whole Townsend clan, and then some, were there to celebrate an early 95th birthday for Jan's father.

The next day we headed to Newburyport, Mass., my hometown. We stayed with a friend, and visited a couple others. On May 15, we headed west on the Mass Pike. It is toll road that only accepted EZ Pass, which we did not have. Jan has been trying to take care of this, but has not been successful. The New York highway that we drove on next was also an EZ Pass highway, but Jan has been able (we think) to sort it out.

We entered Canada at Buffalo as we did in 1974, but instead of staying in Canada for the rest of the trip, we cut across and re-entered at Port Huron, Michigan, and spent our first night at a Best Western. We selected BW because they were pet friendly, and their pet charge was lower than the hotel across the street. We used Best Western whenever they were available.

The next day we drove north to Mackinaw and over

A ROAD TRIP: MAINE TO ALASKA, CONT.

the Mackinaw Bridge to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In the small towns along the way on the UP, Jan kept seeing signs for "pasties." She finally told me to stop at the next one. Unfortunately, there was not one for a long distance. When we finally saw one, we did stop and was informed it was our last chance in Michigan. We were in Wisconsin a few minutes later.

Wisconsin...Iola, Wisconsin. Every numismatist must make the pilgrimage to Iola, the original home of Numismatic News and Chet Krause. And Cliff Mishler. Jan called Jerry back at the store and got Cliff's email address. Jan sent an email to Cliff, telling him we were in the neighborhood and asked him to call us. He did call us and we arranged to meet him for breakfast the next morning.

Iola...you can't get there from here. There is no real highway near Iola. We were on state roads and then county roads, and then maybe some back roads. We spent the night in Clintonville, Wisconsin, a few miles from Iola.

In the morning we drove to Iola and met Cliff. After breakfast, he gave us a tour of Iola, pointing out the highlights of Chet's life in Iola, including the former Krause publishing facility and antique car show grounds. Cliff could not say enough of the good that Chet did for Iola, but one must remember that Cliff was his right hand man for many years. Much credit must also be bestowed upon Cliff also.

Tribute is paid to Chet in the Chester L. Krause Legacy Park.

After leaving Cliff, we headed to Wall, South Dakota. After driving on county roads and state roads, we finally hit a highway that headed straight west. Somewhere along the line, I a got a bit drowsy, and Jan took the wheel. After a while and a short snooze, we stopped and I started driving again. Shortly after, she said, "How much gas do we have?" Ummmmm. The low fuel light was on. So we pulled into a gas station about 6 miles later running on fumes. We pulled into Wall and spent the night (BW).

In the morning we got up early and drove through Badlands National Park. It was way cool. We drove the loop through the park and came back to Wall. Obviously, when you are in Wall, you must visit Wall Drugs. It was a truly amazing complex of different "shops" in a city block. At Wall Drugs, there were numerous numismatic souvenirs, but I restrained myself. We could have spent hours there, but we did not feel the need to do so. We really needed to hit the road.

Our next stop was Cody, Wyoming, the southern entrance to Yellowstone National Park. We entered Yellowstone the next morning and did a "drive by." We stopped at West Thumb Geyser Basin. We stopped at Old Faithful long enough to see it blow. There were buffalo everywhere, especially on that stretch of road that features on all the videos of idiots trying to pet them. I am sure it was the same spot, nice grassy meadow, twenty cars pulled off the side of the road, and as many bison.

We exited the park on the north side after driving through some light snow. We heard a few days later that the east entrance to the park was closed because of snow.

We drove to Great Falls, Montana to spend the night, and then to Calgary, Alberta. After Calgary, we paid the "toll" to drive through Jasper National Park.

Before leaving Maine we were trying to decide which road to take - the Alaska Highway or the Cassiar Highway. That decision was made for us by a forest fire that closed the Alaska Highway and the evacuation of Fort Nelson. Because of this, we headed to Prince George, rather than Dawson Creek.

The next morning we headed for the Cassiar Highway. My worst concerns did not materialize. The road was good, and the new Rav4 had nearly enough range to

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drive the entire highway without putting in gas (we averaged over 33MPG). We stopped at Dease, just a small settlement on Dease Lake where Callbreath, Simpson & Callbreath had a trading post. I found Laketon on a map on the other side of the lake, where Callbreath Cook & Co. had a trading post, manned by George D. Cox (GDC on the tokens, see page 74).

From Dease we drove to Whitehorse. I failed to bring Jim Robb's phone number, so could not call him. I talked with many people who knew him, but none volunteered to call him. My mistake. I should have planned better.

Walking around Whitehorse, I stopped in Murdoch's and Mac's. I also saw the office of Casino Mining. I stopped in and they gave me three of their "poker chips" that they give away a trade shows (common obverse shown.

The next day we drove to Dawson, a much anticipated destination. Our first stop was at the Dawson City Museum, housed in the old Territorial Administration Building. A small grouping of tokens was on display including M&N, Davies & Frey and Red Feather Saloon. Then we met Vic Tubman at Diamond Tooth Gerties and arranged to meet him for breakfast, a real sacrifice on his part as he works at Gerties until 2AM.

After breakfast, we took the ferry George Black across the Yukon River to the Top of the World Highway. Thus began the most miserable part of the trip. I don't know what the elevation is on this highway, but it was in the clouds and it was raining. Visibility was so bad that we could barely see the edge of the road, and the edge of the road was the edge of a very deep drop in many places. The road surface was hard, but very muddy. Our new car was pretty much unscathed, but for some bugs coming across the U.S. (virtually no bugs after we hit Yellowstone). But after driving the TOTW, it was covered with mud.

Miraculously, at the border, the rain stopped (the sun did not come out), and there was 14 miles of pavement. And then back to gravel, but no rain. We made good time, stopping briefly at Chicken, and then at Tok at Fast Eddie's for a late lunch. Three and a half hours later, we were home in Fairbanks (May 25, 11 days).

I wish I had spent more time in Whitehorse and Dawson, but by that time, we just wanted to get home.

J.R. ALGUIRE

Alaska Daily Empire, July 22, 1913.
J.R. Alguire, who is operating a store near the Pueblo Mine, is in luck these days. Recently he grub-staked a couple of young men to hunt for young foxes and they were fortunate enough to secure a pure black female cub which Mr. Alguire now has at this place. The young fox is worth upward of $2,000.

Daily Alaskan, March 14, 1914.
The epidemic referred to last week is still rampant and is no respecter of persons - adults and children being alike afflicted by it. J.R. Alguire, proprietor of the White Pass Hotel, has been in bed for several days, Ed Marcotte, barber and jeweler, is in the hospital...

Daily Alaskan, April 13, 1914.
Burglary at Whitehorse
The store of J.R. Alguire which is located near the Pueblo mine was forcibly entered Monday night of this week when about $200 in gold and bills were taken...

Daily Alaskan, January 15, 1917.
Locates New Body of Ore
For the past four years Ransom Alguire has been putting much of his spare time in prospecting for the ledge of the Sandon copper claim, which lies north of the Pueblo and between that and the War Eagle mines, and the other day he struck a twelve inch vein of fine looking ore with a cross-cut tunnel at a depth of about twelve feet, from the surface of the outcrop. In addition to copper the ore carries both gold and silver in small quantities.

Mr. Alguire is an old timer in Southern Yukon, a hustler of the most pronounced type, and if the Sandon claim turns out as he anticipates it will, the Whitehorse district will soon have another producing copper mine.

YUKON METAL FOR COINAGE

Canada gold Sovereign, 1911-C

Daily Alaskan, January 12, 1910.
Dawson, Dec. 21 - An Ottawa special to the Dawson News says the Canadian Government has purchased 50,000 ounces of Yukon gold. This has just been received from the Klondike by Joe Boyle to be used in the coining of the first Canadian gold pieces for Canada at the new mint. Minister Fielding is arranging the details of the purchase of the gold. It is expected that most of it will come from the Yukon.

F.T. Congdon, member of parliament for Yukon, who is working at Ottawa for an assay and gold purchasing office for Dawson, hopes to divert Yukon's output, now several million yearly, and rapidly increasing under the big dredge hydraulic companies, to the Canadian mint at Ottawa from the Seattle assay office and American mints.

The opinion is entertained at Ottawa and Dawson that a Canadian purchasing office at Dawson might get a great deal of American gold from the Alaskan gold camps at Forty Mile, Eagle, Circle and Fairbanks. Ten to fifteen millions of Alaskan gold passes through Dawson for Seattle annually. A government purchasing office here would mean taking much if not all the gold bartering from the banks, which do almost all the business here at present.

PRICES IN DAWSON

Douglas Island News, March 25, 1903.
It is reported from Dawson that eggs are down to $26 a case and that contracts have recently been made at $25. The retail price maintains at $1 a dozen. Oranges are quoted at $6 a case, bacon at 40 cents and good potatoes at 11 cents. Brick butter sells at 55 cents and owing to the Tanana rush corned beef has gone up from $2.50 to $4 a case. Sugar is down to 6 3-4 cents --less than the cost of bringing it into the country.

SUMMIT OF WHITE PASS

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, May 4, 1899.

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway May 19, 1899.
Smuggling Liquor in From Bennett
Large Stocks Unable to Enter Yukon District
Effort to Sell It

New Law Preventing Liquors Going to Dawson Caused Glut in Market at Bennett - Effort Said to Be Making to Unload it in Skagway.

The order of the Dominion Government prohibiting the introduction of liquors into the Yukon District has tied up about $50,000 worth of liquors of all degrees at Bennett that were destined for Dawson City, and which were awaiting the opening of navigation. Some $20,000 worth of liquors belonging to Alex McDonald and his agents and the owners of all the liquors held at Bennett are trying to "unload" and get out, if possible, the original cost of their precarious venture.

It was reported recently that whiskey was so plentiful in Bennett that it had got down to 10 cents a glass. Even at this low price there were not men enough in and around Bennett to make much of an impression on so large a stock, hence every effort is being made by the owners to find a market for it in the various camps, including the Atlin district.

It has recently been reported that some of this liquor has been finding its way back into Skagway; in other words, that it is being smuggled back across the line to various parties in Skagway. The U.S. customs officials here have been on the look out for it, but as the number of deputies is limited it is practically impossible to head it off if any serious attempt is made to smuggle it into town, for the reason that case could be readily disguised by some outer covering and taken off at Camp 1 or some other station short of Skagway, where it is impossible to have an officer.

It is understood that one shipment of eleven cases and two kegs was made openly from Bennett recently and was reported to have been consigned to some party in Skagway. This came to the deputy collector's ears, who made a hasty trip to the summit, only to find that the liquor was consigned to Mr. Potts, the proprietor of the Monte Carlo on the summit. He found the liquor in the railroad ware house, and as this warehouse was on alleged British territory he could not legally seize it. It would appear that his coming had been anticipated by the mounted police, who are evidently standing in with Monte Carlo, for the United States officer found the warehouse guarded by three members of the mounted police, each wearing side arms. Being Canadian liquor on alleged Canadian territory, the liquors were left alone. A stricter watch, however, will be kept on freight coming down to Skagway from the summit.

SLOT MACHINES BANISHED

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, Jan. 15, 1903.

CLOSED

Even Slot Machines Are Banished

The town is closed still tighter, says the Dawson News of the 6th. The large slot machines are standing face to the wall and not a wheel is turning today.

Operators of such machines have been notified by a constable from the town station that it would be safest for them to put those devices out of commission. Dawson has only a few of the large machines which as a general rule pay money. It is said that none of the large machines in Dawson has paid money for some time. Merchandise, it is alleged, was substituted.

In the meantime professional poker players are afraid to turn a card and continue to leave for the outside. The gambling fraternity in the city is said to be rapidly becoming a nonentity

SOL RIPINSKI - CHILKAT & HAINES

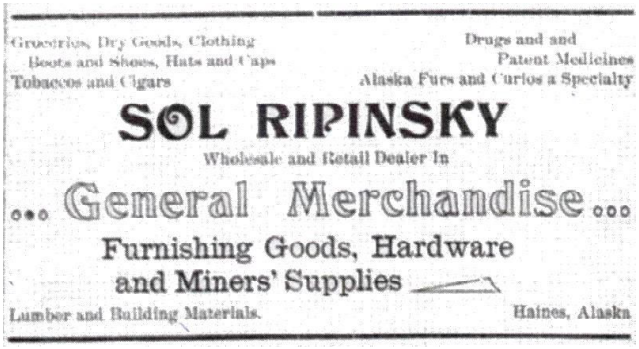
Chilkat Village Post Office and general store.

Sol Ripinski came to Alaska in 1884. In 1885 he was hired by the Commissioner of Education, Sheldon Jackson to teach at Unalaska, both in English and Russian. 1887 finds him running a school in Haines.

He was post master at Chilkat Village, and ran a general store from 1894 to 1900.

Douglas Island News, March 8, 1899.
Some 15 years ago, Col. Sol Ripinsky of Oregon moved to Haines Mission and engaged in the mercantile business and he has been there ever since...He speaks the native language fluently and has the Indian trade of the town.

Ed. Note: Col. is an honorary title bestowed upon him for service in the Oregon State Militia.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Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps
Tobaccos and Cigars
Drugs and and
Patent Medicines
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SOL RIPINSKY
Wholesale and Retail Dealer In
General Merchandise
Furnishing Goods, Hardware
and Miners' Supplies
Lumber and Building Materials.
Haines, Alaska

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, April 30, 1899.

Daily Alaska Empire, Juneau, March 22, 1927.
Sol Ripinsky Dies After A Brief Illness
Word has been received in Juneau of the death of Col. Sol Ripinsky, aged about 75 years, one of the best known citizens of Southeastern Alaska, at his home in Haines where he had been engaged in business for many years. Death followed a short illness. He had been confined in his bed for only two days before the end came.

67mm by 37mm, submitted by Scott Bradford.

Col. Ripinsky came to Alaska the first time about 45 years ago and taught school at Unalaska. Later he was in the Customs Service. Prior to his coming to Alaska the last time he became prominent in Oregon where he was a personal and political friend of Max Praecht. While there he gained the rank of Colonel through service in the National Guard. Thirty years or more ago he established a tore at Haines where he has since resided. He was a large owner of Haines real estate.

Col. Ripinsky has served two or three times as United States Commissioner at Haines, and in 1899 was a delegate to a non-partisan Territorial Convention at Juneau.

F.W. KILLEN

According to the seller on eBay, F.W. Killen was a miner during the Klondike gold rush and returned with $15,000. There is no mention of any Killen in the directories, so he was in Yukon for only a very short time. There is no mention of any Killen in the Alaska newspapers on the LoC. The closest in time to the gold rush on the LoC is a 1906 mention of F.W. Killen in Missouri.

While the token was made by a Seattle stamping works using a die common to Dawson tokens, it is extraordinary to attribute this token to Dawson. To the seller's credit, he does not flatly state that it is from Dawson, but makes that speculation. I would love to be proven wrong!

LAKETON, B.C.

"A third company, Callbreath, Cook & Co. existed from 1892 to at least 1905, and at this time it would seem that those signed by GDC (George D. Cox) who I record from 1898 to 1905 as manager of the GC&Co. store at Laketon, was issuer for the company."

Letter from Les Hill to Glen Simpson
Jan. 18, 1998.
Originally published in ATC&PN, Sept. 2021.

Laketon is on the western shore of Dease Lake in the Cassiar district of northwestern British Columbia. The following from the LoC is much later than when the tokens were issued, but give a little information about the district.

Wrangell Sentinel, June 14, 1917.
George Cox, superintendent of roads, who is located at Telegraph Creek, reports that work is being rushed on the road from Telegraph to Dease Lake.

Wrangell Sentinel, May 15, 1919.
Ira Day has been appointed superintendent of roads succeeding George Cox.

J. Frank Callbreath has bought the complete pack train of the Hyland estate.

Wrangell Sentinel, May 15, 1924.
Porter's Landing is the central Hudson's Bay post in the district; there is another at McDames creek about 70 miles down the river.

Dease Lake is a beautiful sheet of water, lying as it does at the head waters of the mighty rivers that flow into the Arctic Ocean. No more delightful place to live in during the summer months could be imagined and Laketon on its western shore is a romantic looking spot.

The principal sources of gold in the past have been Dease, Thibert, and MacDames creeks, with their tributaries. Between the years 1874 and 1895 the official returns for the gold recovered from this district amounted to $4,968,500, of which Dease creek contributed $1,394,900, Thibert creek $1,279,600, and MacDame creek $1,579,500...Nearly all the gold has been won from the creek bottoms by pick and shovel work.

The Cassiar of Fifty Years Ago

One almost needs to see the old mining camp of Laketon, at the mouth of the Dease creek and on the shore of Dease lake, as the writer has seen it, to understand the story and to realize the rush of those old days when gold was picked up from the creek bottoms. Coming to it, in solitude, it is almost with awe that one picks out from the wreckage, the grass grown sites of dance halls and saloons, the Government office with its litter of papers and documents bearing dates in the 70's, the jail and gallows, the cemetery with its tragic stories of hopes cut short; and, crowding on the townsite, the evidence of twenty-foot lots of payground that were parcelled out and fought for by the teeming pioneers. Then one notices the beginnings of the next stage when tunnels were started to prospect and work the upper benches. But that was soon cut short, for the Klondyke boom burst and away stampeded the crowd...

(See the map on page 70)

CASSIAR, B.C. TOKENS

We first ran these in the September 2021 issue. Most of the better token were sold on eBay. There are still a few better tokens left over that we recently sold on eBay.

We can offer the Callbreath Cook & Co. tokens initialed GDC for George D. Cox. at Laketon, 1898-1905 (see pages 70 and 75, and the above mentioned issue of ATC&PN). We had 25 of these, but are down to 10, so this could be your last chance to pick up a very scarce BC card token.

(Laketon, BC). *GDC,* $1.00 or 8/-. **25.00**

Liard Post, B.C., now Lower Post, Hyland & Belfry, $1 in trade. Shows signs of being buried. **100.00**

YUKON TOKENS

Dawson, Yukon, B&M, 12½¢, B-4a **125.00**

Whitehorse, Taylor, Drury & Pedlar, $20 B-7f **100.00**

As above with digs on reverse **75.00**

DAWSON DOLLARS

Undated, nickel alloy, 39mm **10.00**

1973, nickel alloy, 39mm **10.00**

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MODERN YUKON TOKENS FOR SALE

CLINTON CREEK

Clinton Creek Community Club, B-P1a **10.00**

Clinton Creek Curling Club, B-P2a **10.00**

DAWSON

Dawson City Music Festival, B-P1a and b, set of 2. **15.00**

DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIE'S

B-P2b, 50¢ **20.00**

B-P2d, $5 **20.00**

B-P2i, $1 **10.00**

B-P2m $1, purple, perhaps light pink **10.00**

B-P2q $1, black, facing left, **10.00**

B-P2r, $1 black, facing right **10.00**

MODERN YUKON TOKENS FOR SALE

B-unl, $1 gray **3.00**

B-unl, $1 token **5.00**

B-unl, $2.50 1996, Discovery of Gold **5.00**

B-unl, $2.50 1997, Hockey **5.00**

B-unl, $2.50, Climbing the Chilkoot **5.00**

B-unl, Yukon Quest $2.50 **7.00**

B-unl, Sour Toe Cocktail, $2.50 **7.00**

B-P2s, $5 **12.00**

As above, very worn **6.00**

B-unl, $5,reddish orange **10.00**

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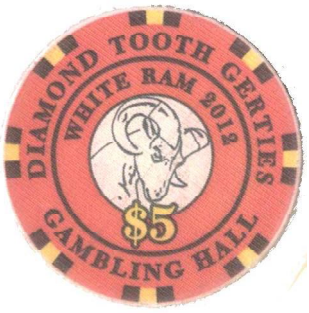
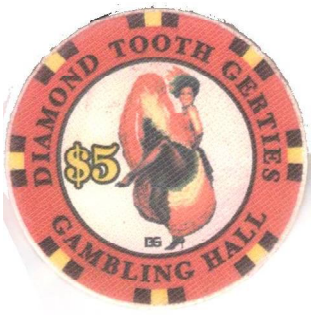


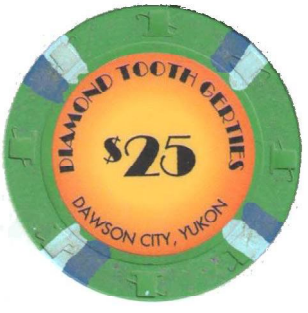


B-unl, White Ram $5, 2012 **15.00**

B-unl, 2021, 50th Anniv. $5 **10.00**

B-unl, Red Dog, $11 **25.00**

B-P2p, $25 **30.00**



B-unl, $25, green with orange center **30.00**

B-unl, $100, Blk, orange, yellow **100.00**

DESTRUCTION BAY

Kluane Lake Athletic Association, one beer, B-P1a **25.00**

KLAA, B-P1b, one drink **30.00**

ELSA

Elsa Recreation Association, one drink, B-P1a **15.00**

WHITEHORSE

Lions Club, $1.00, B-P2c **20.00**

MODERN YUKON TOKENS FOR SALE

Lions Clubs, $1.00, B-P2e **20.00**
Lions Clubs, $5.00, B-P2f **20.00**

Lions Lake Labarge, 50¢, B-P2h **20.00**
Lions Lake Labarge, $1, B-P2i **25.00**

WORLD GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

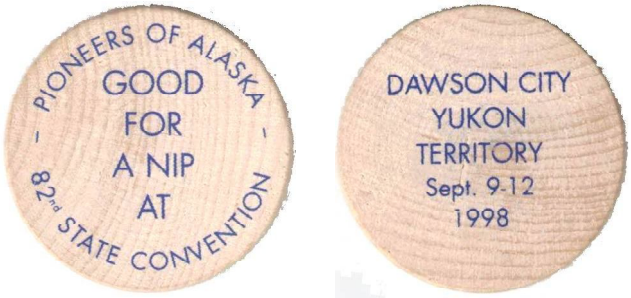
Klondike '84, Dawson, trade dollar **5.00**

DAWSON MEDALS

Commemorating Klondike Gold Rush, brass, 35mm. **5.00**

First annual Gold Rush Festival, 1962, by North Star Enterprises, brass, 40mm **5.00**

YUKON WOODEN NICKELS



Dawson, Pioneers of Alaska, 82nd State Convention, 1998, blue on wood. **5.00**

Pine Valley, Free Coffee with return gas fill, black on wood. **5.00**

ALASKA POKER CHIPS

ANCHORAGE

Alley Cat, gold on yellow **25.00**

BPOE 1351, (Elks), gold on white **35.00**

(Cheechako Tavern), CT. gold on yellow **35.00**

The Club, red and white with black printing **25.00**
Could be from Cordova

(Union Club), UC, gold on red **35.00**

CORDOVA

(Pioneers of Alaska), Igloo 19, gold on yellow,
red and blue, set of 3. **75.00**

SITKA

Sitka Elks Lodge, B-7d, printed one side **25.00**
As above, printed on both sides **25.00**

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